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"*London*, *July* 2. The Paris Gazette gives the following character of the late Queen of France [335.]. "The moſt eminent virtue, a conſtant and ſolid piety, directed all the actions of her life. Her attachment and reſpect for the King, her tenderneſs to her children, her kindneſs to all who had the honour to ſerve or approach her, her zeal for religion, her inexhauſtible charity, all concur to render her loſs for ever ſenſible, and her memory ever dear, to the King, the Royal Family, the whole Nation! Poland, who ſaw her birth, will participate the lively and juſt regret of France; where ſhe reigned a long ſucceſſion of years. The reſignation ſhe ſhewed to the decrees of Providence, during the courſe of a long illneſs under which ſhe fell, continued to the laſt moment of her life."—The Queen made a will, by which ſhe deſired that her heart ſhould be carried to Notre Dame de Bon-Secours, near Nancy, the burial-place of the King and Queen of Poland, her father and mother; and directed her funeral to be as private as poſſible."

In the London gazette of Sept. 27. we have three addreſſes to the King from America, all graciouſly received; the chief deſign of which will appear from the following extracts, *viz.*

The Governor, Council, and Aſſembly, of the Bermuda or Somer iſlands, ſay, "We beg leave to approach your ſacred perſon, to expreſs our grateful ſenſe of your Majeſty's attention to the welfare of theſe iſlands, in cauſing us to be redreſſed for our ſufferings from the French depredations at Turks iſlands; and, at the ſame time, to expreſs our unfeigned thanks to your Majeſty for the late mark of your royal favour, teſtified by the ſupply of cannon and ordnance-ſtores ſent to theſe iſlands."

The Preſident and Council of the iſland of Tobago ſay, "Penetrated with the deepeſt gratitude for the bleſſings we enjoy under your Majeſty's mild and moſt auſpicious reign, and for the bountiful inſtance of your royal indulgence, in granting to us, by your Governor in Chief, a completion of legiſlature, ſo eſſentially neceſſary for the good and welfare of this colony; permit us to hope it may not be unpleaſing to our moſt gracious Sovereign, that amidſt the difficulties, dangers, and diſtreſſes, conſtantly attending the eſtabliſhment of new ſettlements in this climate, his ſubjects in Tobago entertain the warmeſt expectations of ſeeing their efforts crowned with ſucceſs, and that this fertile iſland will ſoon become of conſiderable importance to the commerce and navigation of the Britiſh empire."—Dated, *Council-chamber*, *Tobago*, *July* 11. 1768.

The Aſſembly of Tobago ſay, "We beg leave to embrace the earlieſt opportunity of preſenting your Majeſty our moſt humble and ſincere thanks for the many diſtinguiſhed marks of your royal favour conferred on the inhabitants of this infant colony; and particularly for graciouſly beſtowing on us a complete legiſlature, the greateſt boaſt and happineſs of your Majeſty's ſubjects."

On the 2d of Auguſt, the Earl of Bute, who had been for ſome time before in a bad ſtate of health, imbarked at Dover for France. His Lordſhip went in a private manner till he came to Dover; and when he imbarked, being obliged to go near a mile from his inn to the veſſel, the populace followed him, but without any inſult, as had been reported.

"*Goſport*, *Oct.* 18. Sunday his Majeſty's ſhip Favourite was paid, at Spithead, two months advance. She is bound to Faulkland iſland, one of the new-diſcovered ones [378. xxix. 698.]. Monday ſhe ſailed."

"*Milford*, *Sept.* 29. Capt. William Cumming, commander of his Majeſty's cutter the Lord Howe, ſtationed at Milford, having had information of three large armed ſmuggling cutters being on this ſtation, one mounting 6 carriage guns and a number of ſwivels, and carrying 30 men, the other two mounting each 4 guns and a number of ſwivels, with 18 men each, all Iriſh, who now live in France, having killed ſeveral of the cuſtom-houſe officers in Ireland laſt year, he went in purſuit of them, the latter end of this month, having heard they were ſeen near Studwall roads, where he arrived about ſunſet, and found two of them lying at anchor. Capt. Cumming inſtantly run his ſhip cloſe alongſide of the largeſt veſſel, determined to board her; but before he could hale her, ſhe haled him, and aſked him where he came from, and bid him keep off, or they would ſink him; and then told her conſort they were a King's cutter, and bid them ſtand by; and immediately the ſmall cutter fired into the Lord Howe;

which was inſtantly followed by the other. The Lord Howe then fired a broadſide both of his large and ſmall arms, (ſhe mounts 6 carriage-guns, and ſome ſwivels); which was as briſkly returned on the other ſide: and they all continued their fire very ſmart, for a long time, and the ſmalleſt cutter was continually attempting to board the Lord Howe on the ſide ſhe was not engaged on by the other cutter; but they beat them off every time with great loſs; and the wind dying away, they all three continued cloſe abreaſt each other, and lay in that poſture two hours and a half, engaging as briſk as poſſible. At laſt, the Lord Howe laid the largeſt cutter on her ſide, her firing ceaſed, and they all judged ſhe was ſinking; but in a few minutes ſhe renewed the action with as much vigour as ever; when a breeze ſprung up, and they endeavoured to get off; but being diſabled from making much ſail, the Lord Howe kept up with them, each continuing her fire, till the wind freſhened, when the ſmuggler ſet more ſail, and the action ended in a running fight. At laſt, the ſmugglers, by their good ſailing, got off. The engagement began at ſunſet, and laſted four hours: two and a half of which the Lord Howe lay between the two cutters as cloſe as poſſible, and was engaged on both ſides by them. The Lord Howe chaſed them great part of the night, and towards the morning loſt ſight of them. The next day they renewed their chace, and got ſight of them again; and the moment the ſmugglers ſaw the Lord Howe, they ſteered another way; on which the Lord Howe made all the ſail ſhe poſſibly could, and chaſed them all night; when the wind increaſed, and at laſt blew a very ſtiff gale, and they loſt ſight of them. The Lord Howe's maſts, ſails, and rigging, were much ſhattered; but they loſt very few men. 'Tis imagined the ſmugglers muſt have loſt at leaſt half their complement of men in each veſſel. The Lord Howe has gained great applauſe here, and the ſmugglers ſince have threatened vengeance againſt the Captain, who is gone in queſt of them again. They have carried on this illicit trade in a moſt daring manner for ſome time, defying all the officers belonging to the revenue in theſe parts. They had a very valuable cargo on board of brandy and ſilks at the time of the engagement, a great deal of which they have been obliged to throw overboard."

"*London, Oct.* 27. The following account of a gang of pirates and murderers (ſome of whom have been lately taken) is ſaid to be authentic. — A ſet of daring fellows, moſt of whom lived at Haſtings in Suſſex, have for ſeven years paſt boarded and robbed ſeveral ſhips coming up the Channel, and in particular boarded a Dutch ſhip homeward bound, plundered her, murdered all the crew, and then ſunk her. At laſt, they were diſcovered, by their bragging to one another how the Dutchman wriggled about when they had cut him on the back-bone with an axe. Upon this, information was given to the government; who immediately ordered a detachment of 200 ſoldiers to march from London for Haſtings, with ſtrict charge not to let the leaſt word tranſpire of what they came for; and alſo, if any diſturbance ſhould happen in the town, not to interfere therein. Upon their arrival there, or the day after, the mayor of Haſtings was walking in the town, when he was interrogated by one of the gang, (as they went by the name of *Ruxey's crew*, or *gang*), what the ſoldiers came for? The mayor anſwered him, he could not tell. Upon which they aſſaulted him; and he called the ſoldiers to aſſiſt him. They having orders not to intermeddle in any diſturbance, refuſed their aſſiſtance; but upon their officers appearing, they immediately ſeized three of the gang; who, together with ſeveral others, have been ſent to London."

"*Whitehall, Aug.* 27. Whereas it has been humbly repreſented to his Majeſty, That on Tueſday evening laſt, Aug. 23. a body of ſailors [329.], to the number of 5 or 600, being riotouſly and tumultuouſly aſſembled, came down to Limehouſe, and then ſent off ten of their number in a boat to the ſhip Middleton, Henry Clark commander, having felons on board, ſentenced to be tranſported to his Majeſty's plantations in America; which ſaid ten perſons forcibly boarded and entered the ſaid ſhip, declaring, they would hinder her proceeding on her voyage, as alſo every other outward bound veſſel in the river Thames, unleſs their maſters entered into articles with their men for advanced wages; and for this purpoſe carried away the chief mate of the ſaid ſhip againſt his will, and at the ſame time extorted money from the maſter of the ſaid ſhip, for their boat-hire, by threatening to ſtrip the ſhip of all her rigging,

rigging, and to turn the felons on ſhore; his Majeſty for the diſcovery of the offenders in this moſt daring inſult on his government, and in order bring them to juſtice, is pleaſed hereby to promiſe his moſt gracious pardon to any one of the ſaid ten perſons who ſhall make diſcovery of one or more of his accomplices, ſo that he or they be convicted of the ſaid offence; and, as a further encouragement, his Majeſty is pleaſed to promiſe to any perſon who ſhall diſcover one or more of the ſaid offenders, a reward of fifty pounds, to be paid on conviction by the Lords Commiſſioners of his Majeſty's Treaſury.

And whereas information has been given, That on the ſame evening, and the morning following, divers other ſhips in the river Thames were likewiſe forcibly boarded, and ſeveral of their men carried away by violence, under the ſame pretence of not ſuffering the ſhips to ſail till the ſeamens wages are increaſed; his Majeſty is pleaſed in like manner, for the diſcovery of the ſaid offenders, to promiſe his moſt gracious pardon to any one of the accomplices therein, and a reward of twenty pounds, to any perſon who ſhall make diſcovery; to be paid in the like manner, on conviction of them, or any of them.

SHELBURNE."

"*London, June* 7. Tueſday laſt the Lord Mayor and Aldermen held a court at Guildhall; when Sir James Langham paid into their hands 6000 l. Sterling, purſuant to the will of the late Sir John Langham, as a fund for the relief of diſtreſſed ſoldiers and ſeamen."

A fire broke out, Aug. 6. in the King's-arms tavern yard, near Holburn bridge, London, which was attended with the moſt melancholy conſequences. Mr Green, at whoſe houſe it broke out, ſaved his life by jumping out of a window; but his wife, his child, and ſiſter, periſhed in the flames. His neighbour jumped out of a window ſeemingly unhurt, but died in leſs than ten minutes. A porter belonging to the inn, having loſt his wife and child, died raving mad. A clerk to a merchant in Bread-ſtreet, after ſaving his wife and child, returned for a box in which was money and writings belonging to his maſter; but not being able to reach it, only ſaid, *Lord have mercy upon me!* and expired. Of thoſe who endeavoured to eſcape by jumping out of windows, three were killed upon the ſpot. The ſhrieks of thoſe who were burnt were piercing. In ſhort, a more horrible ſcene was never beheld.

"*London, Sept.* 6. On Thurſday a gentleman of Gray's inn received a letter, incloſing a 50 l. bank-note, and a hint, that he was robbed of above 30 l. by the writer, a few years ago, and that principal and intereſt now amounted to about 50 l."

The drawing of the ſtate-lottery 1768 [642.] began, at Guildhall, London, on the 14th of November, and ended on the 3d of January. —— We here inſert the ſcheme of it, which differs from that of the preceding year [xxix. 321.].

1	prizes of	L. 20000	— is L.	40000
4	——	10000	——	40000
5	——	5000	——	25000
10	——	2000	——	20000
20	——	1000	——	20000
40	——	500	——	20000
200	——	100	——	20000
600	——	50	——	30000
19175	——	20	——	383500
20056	prizes		First drawn	500
39944	blanks		Laſt drawn	1000
60000	tickets at L. 10 each is			L. 600000

A calculation has been made, that the expence of the late election for members of parliament exceeded the ſum of two millions.

There have been for ſome time paſt warm debates in the Eaſt-India company's courts. — The following queſtion was decided by ballot on the 8th of July, *viz.* "That orders be forthwith ſent to the Governor and council of Bengal, for the immediate payment, out of the revenues of Bengal, Bahar, and Orixa, of what remains unpaid of the reſtitution-money of Meer Jaffier, to the ſeveral perſons to whom it is due, according to their claims, as admitted by the committee formerly appointed for that purpoſe, whether ſuch claims are found to ariſe from loſſes in trade of ſalt, beetle-nut, or tobacco, or not?" and the numbers were, for the queſtion 115, againſt it 223.

On the 29th of the ſame month the court of directors came to the following reſolutions, *viz.* "1. As the moſt effectual method to prevent the ſale of the command of ſhips in the company's ſervice, That from and after the 25th of March next, upon the death of a commander of any ſhip, employed or to be employed in the company's ſervice, or

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whenever there ſhall be a vacancy of a commander by reſignation, incapacity, or otherwiſe, another commander ſhall be choſen by the court of directors, to ſupply ſuch vacancy, out of perſons who have commanded a ſhip in the company's ſervice, or who have performed at leaſt one voyage in the capacity of chief or ſecond mate, to the Eaſt Indies; and that ſuch choice or appointment ſhall be made by ballot: and that from and after the ſaid 25th of March next, no ſhip be tendered for the company's ſervice but ſubject to the ſaid regulations. 2. That from and after the 25th of March next, no ſhip ſhall be built in the room of any ſhip worn out or loſt in the company's ſervice, without the leave of the court of directors firſt had and obtained."

Soon after the following charge againſt the directors, ſigned TENERIFFE, appeared in the papers. "A very extraordinary reſolution of the directors for the Eaſt-India company was made on the 29th day of July laſt, to diſpoſe of more than one million Sterling of gentlemens property, without their acquieſcence, or even ſo much as any intimation previous thereto. As this concerns many families of fortune, by printing theſe *righteous and equitable reſolutions*, gentlemen immediately concerned will be judges how much they are indebted to the preſent ſet of directors." The reſolutions are ſubjoined.

An anſwer appeared, ſigned A. B. *viz.*

"A letter having appeared, ſigned TENERIFFE, tending to miſlead and prejudice you againſt your directors, I beg leave to ſhew the falſity of this charge.

The whole buſineſs of the ſhipping has hitherto been carried on by about ten or twelve men called *ſhip-huſbands*, who have hitherto uſurped the appointment of the captains and other officers, and ſold their commiſſions to the beſt bidders. The price for captains has been gradually riſing from 1500 l. to 6000 l. The general conſequence of this practice, and the uſual method of borrowing on *reſpondentia*, is, the entering into a moſt ſcandalous illicit trade, injurious to the company, fraudulent to government, and directly oppoſite to the oath they are obliged to take; of which a very recent example has appeared in a general court.

Another conſequence of this monopoly is, that the company muſt give whatever freight the huſbands pleaſe to aſk; and there is no doubt, from the calculation of freights, they now pay 3 or 4 l. a-tun more than they would if they took up their ſhips as other merchants do, which is a loſs to the proprietors of upwards of 60,000 l. a-year.

From theſe facts it appears, the directors, ſo far from violating public faith, have been remarkably tender, perhaps more ſo than they can be ſtrictly juſtified in, by making theſe regulations not take place, relative to the captains, till after their deceaſe or reſignation; and relative to the ſhips, till after the completion of their four voyages, the time they are contracted for."

A reply to this has appeared; in which ſome of the facts are denied, particularly that it is the cauſe of the increaſe of freight, but without proof.

"*London, Dec.* 22. At a general court held yeſterday, it appeared, that a very extraordinary ſtep had been taken, in order to conceal the preſent brilliant ſtate of the company's affairs, *viz.* the ſecreting the ſum of 1,200,000 l. from the annual account of the company, made up to June laſt. This manœuvre, when diſcovered, afforded no ſmall diverſion to the proprietors, eſpecially as the excuſe made for this pious fraud was, that it was done with the beſt intention poſſible, that of not letting government into the true ſtate of the company's affairs, leſt they ſhould *ſqueeze the company*. — The truth however came out; which, in few words, is, that (notwithſtanding common-place complaints of bad ſales, ſimple-contract debts, *&c.*) the company has been going on for three years paſt in the accumulation of one million three hundred thouſand pounds *per ann.* excluſive of the ſums paid to government, and the augmentation of dividend; ſo that the proprietors have this conſolation at leaſt, that if they have not been allowed two and a half *per cent.* more than their preſent dividend, they have nevertheleſs been laying up ever ſince the acquiſition of the dewannee forty *per cent. per ann.* an accumulation which, in the twelve unexpired years of the charter, would leave the company the trifling capital of twenty millions.

It is ſaid, that from what paſſed at this court, it appears, that the company have already profited by their territorial acquiſitions more than five millions Sterling: for they have diſcharged in Bengal bond-debts to the amount of 700,000 l.; they

they have allowed increaſe of their annual accounts 1,600,000 l.; they have remaining in the different treaſuries of Bengal 800,000 l.; they have at Madraſs 140,000 l.; they have 200,000 l. in China; they have paid off in England 1,000,000 l.; total 5,640,000 l. Excluſive of this, they have their warehouſes full of goods, their homeward and outward bound ſhips richly laden, and they have juſt acquired the dewannee of the Myſore country and Balagat Carnatic; an acquiſition which is variouſly repreſented, ſome ſtating it at three millions annually, and others at no more than two."

"*London, Dec.* 28. A general court of the Eaſt-India company was held laſt Wedneſday, to conſider of ſome advices of the ſtate of their concerns in ſeveral parts of the company's ſettlements, and alſo the conſideration of ſome propoſals made by the directors to the board of Treaſury, and the anſwers of that board to them. The principal matters were, an offer of 400,000 l. for five years, in conſideration of waving any claim to the territorial revenues of the company in Aſia, and on an implied condition, that the reſtriction on the dividend ſhould be enlarged to twelve and an half *per cent.* with the limitation, that no more than one *per cent.* advance be made in one year. The ſenſe of the court, as far as could be gathered from the debates, and other appearances, ſeemed to be againſt concurring with the propoſals; but the farther conſideration was adjourned till that day fortnight.

The term of two years, for which the company paid the government 800,000 l. to avoid any diſcuſſion of the claim of the crown to the revenue accruing from their Aſiatic dominions, being expired, there is great reaſon to believe, that their affairs will occaſion great ſpeculation and diſpute. Their negotiations with the miniſtry will not only be attended with great difficulty; but, beſides, the two parties are ſtruggling for the directorſhip; and the directors themſelves are now engaged in warm diſputes reſpecting their meaſures."

The officers in the Eaſt-India company's ſervice who were diſmiſſed by Lord Clive, for writing a letter to Sir Robert Fletcher, expreſſing their attachment to that gentleman, are reſtored by the directors.

By an order of council of March 23. 1768, the Eaſt-India company were appointed to pay, as a conſideration for the military and naval ſtores taken at Pondicherry, and other places on the coaſt of Coromandel, 30,000 l. to the officers and companies of his Majeſty's ſhips, and the armed ſhips of the Eaſt-India company, and the like ſum to the officers and ſoldiers of his Majeſty's artillery, land-forces, and marines, and the troops of the Eaſt-India company, who were actually preſent at the reduction of Pondicherry, Jan. 17. 1761. The payment of one moiety of theſe ſums began, at London, to the ſeamen on the 29th of Auguſt, and to the land-forces on the 5th of September; every private ſeaman's ſhare amounting to 14 s. 5 d. 1 f. and every private ſoldier, to 16 s. 2 d. 1 f. The executors of the officers and ſeamen who belonged to his Majeſty's ſhips Duke of Aquitaine and Sunderland, at the time theſe ſhips foundered off Pondicherry, were intitled to claim their ſhares as if they had been preſent.

"*London, June* 2. Tueſday came on to be heard before the privy council, two appeals from Quebec, Lt-Col. Chriſtie appellant, and Francis Noble Knipe and John Le Queſne of Quebec reſpondents, in ſuits which had been brought by the reſpondents againſt the appellant, for impreſſing labourers and artificers into his Majeſty's ſervice, during the late war with France and the Indians; when the judgements which had been given at Quebec againſt the appellant were reverſed, and both actions were diſmiſſed."

"*Guildford, July* 19. The quarter-ſeſſions ended on Friday laſt. Many perſons were to be tried for riots in St George's fields and Southwark [330.]; moſt of whom appearing to have been bound over for the moſt trivial offences, were diſcharged. But John Truckle, who was ſeized one evening in St George's fields, was ordered to be impriſoned nine months, and to find ſurety for good behaviour; and John Percival, being convicted of marking No 45. on the back of Richard Capel, Eſq; one of the juſtices, was ordered to be impriſoned two years, and to find ſureties for his good behaviour for ſeven years after."

Among the remarkable trials at the Old Baily in July laſt, thoſe of William Hawkins, and Joſeph Wild, for riotouſly aſſembling, with many others, near the Manſion-houſe, aſſaulting and wounding one or two of the Lord Mayor's ſervants, and for other unlawful acts againſt the peace, &c. [330.], muſt not be omitted.

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The principal evidence againſt Hawkins was Mr Way, a gentleman who accidentally paſſing by, ſaw a croud of people carrying a gibbet, on which hung a boot and petticoat, and making a ſtand at the Manſion houſe, he ſaw my Lord Mayor come out, and ruſh among the people who ſupported the gibbet; on which a fray began; and he preſently heard the words, *Knock him down! Knock him down!* ſeveral times repeated: at the ſame inſtant he obſerved the priſoner Hawkins laying about him with a ſtick, which he afterwards found to be ſtuck with nails, and ſaw him ſtrike one or two people, who proved to be his Lordſhip's ſervants. They had ſeized the priſoner Hawkins, and were dragging him towards the Manſion-houſe; but the mob reſcued him, and he was making off, when the witneſs collared him, and, with the aſſiſtance of the wounded ſervants, ſecured him in the Manſion-houſe.

Philip Pyle ſaid, that being in waiting upon the Lord Mayor the night of the riot (May 9.), he obſerved a great mob advancing with a gibbet, a boot, and a petticoat hanging upon it; and being ordered by his Lordſhip to ſeize it, he gave it a ſhake, which obliged the mob to quit it; that he was pulling it along, when a man, who he believed was the priſoner, catched a flambeau out of his hand, and broke his head with it in ſeveral places. Dropping the gibbet, he ſays, he recovered his flambeau, made a ſtroke at the aſſailants, (for there were now two or three ſtriking at him), and was endeavouring to retreat for fear of falling, (in which caſe, he ſaid, he muſt undoubtedly have been murdered), when he received ſeveral blows on his head with a ſtick ſtuck full of nails, which happily flew out of the priſoner's hand, and his fellow-ſervant ſnatched it up. The priſoner then endeavoured to defend himſelf with his hands, but the witneſs ſays, he dragged him in his rage near twenty yards through the mob; but when he had got him within ten yards of the Manſion houſe, the mob reſcued him, and he was making off, when Mr Way collared him, and brought him back.

Thomas Woodward, another ſervant of his Lordſhip, confirmed the former evidences: adding, that had it not been for the *ſtick* before mentioned, the priſoner Hawkins would have been again reſcued from his fellow ſervant and Way: one or two of the reſcuers, he ſaid, he knocked down, and one he laid flat in the kennel.

As to Wild, no poſitive evidence of his being active in the fray was produced, only Edward Stinton, a third ſervant of his Lordſhip, heard him repeat the words, *Knock him down! Knock him down!* which Wild, in his defence, acknowledged he did ſay; but that having but juſt joined the mob, and being told that the cauſe of the tumult was a *pick-pocket*, he repeated the words after others, and really thought that they were meant only againſt the thief. He was acquitted, and Hawkins found guilty.

Thomas Woodcock was tried on a ſeparate indictment, for riotouſly aſſembling on the night of the 10th of May, breaking the lamps belonging to the Manſion-houſe, and otherwiſe diſturbing the peace, &c.—The chief evidence againſt him was George Hales, who ſeeing the windows and lamps of the Manſion-houſe much ſhattered, and a great mob aſſembled, determined to mix among the croud, in order to diſcover who committed the outrage. He ſays, that for half an hour he ſtood behind the priſoner, and ſaw him take a ſtone out of his pocket every now and then, and look at it, and one in particular he ſaw him throw at the ſecond lamp, which he kept his eye upon part of the way, and inſtantly heard the lamp break. He ſays, that after this, he applied to the conſtables; but the conſtables declined apprehending the priſoner for fear of the mob. He ſays, the tumult increaſed; the mob began to demand money of the coaches; *Wilkes and Liberty!* was the cry; and the croud and the noiſe grew more and more alarming. In about half an hour, however, the witneſs ſays, *we took him.*

But Edward Stinton, the ſervant of my Lord already mentioned, gives another account. He ſays, That having changed his cloaths, and mixing among the mob, the priſoner being near him, wiſhed ſome good fellows would join him, and then, ſaid he, we may break the back windows before any body can come to oppoſe us. The witneſs immediately ſaid, *Here are ſeveral of us, but what ſhall we do for ſtones?* The priſoner replied, *I have a pocket-full.* That having in this manner decoyed him from the mob, his fellow-ſervant and himſelf ſeized and ſecured him; that on ſearching his pockets four ſtones were found upon him, which were produced in court.—He made no defence,

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and was found guilty. On paſſing ſentence, the judge ſet before them the heinouſneſs of their crime: but in conſideration of their poverty, fined them only one ſhilling each, and ordered them to be impriſoned one year in Newgate.

"*London, May* 3. Monday came on to be heard before the Maſter of the Rolls, a cauſe wherein the proprietors of the celebrated opera of *Love in a Village* were plaintiffs, and a printer, who had printed and publiſhed a pirated edition of the ſaid opera, was defendant; when his Honour was pleaſed to make a decree in favour of the plaintiffs, by granting a perpetual injunction, and obliging the defendant to account with the plaintiffs for the profits of the whole number printed, publiſhed and ſold by the defendant; although the opera was not, till after the printing the pirated edition, entered at ſtationers hall."

The publiſher and venders of the North Briton Extraordinary N° 4. and one of the venders of the North Briton, N° 50. [378.] were examined upon interrogatories, Aug. 31. by Mr Benſon, examining clerk at the crown-office, (Mr Bingley refuſed to anſwer interrogatories, [667.] and was thereupon committed to priſon). After report had been made of the anſwers they had given to the interrogatories, they were fined by the court of king's bench, Nov. 24. Pridden, 6 s. 8d.; and Williams, 13 s. 4 d. for ſelling the North Briton Extraordinary, N° 4. and Brett, 6 s. 8 d. for ſelling the North Briton N° 50. Steare was ſentenced, Nov. 25. to ſuffer three months impriſonment for publiſhing the North Briton Extraordinary, N° 4.

On the 11th of December, the Princeſs Royal and Prince William were inoculated for the ſmall pox, at the Queen's palace, and were put under the care of Sir Clifton Wintringham, phyſician to the King, Sir John Pringle, phyſician to the Queen, Cæſar Hawkins, Eſq; ſergeant-ſurgeon, and Pennel Hawkins, Eſq; ſurgeon to the Queen; and on the 10th of January their R. Highneſſes appeared abroad, perfectly recovered.

"*Alnwick, Oct.* 31. With regard to inoculation, the following experiment was made by a woman at Lone End, upon the banks of the Tweed, viz. Some of the eruptive matter, or rather the ſcurf, at the going off of the pox, was mixed with crumbs of bread and coarſe ſugar, and given to a child; which ſucceeded; but with this difference from the other method, that the appearance was rather later than uſual."

"*York, May* 3. Laſt month Mr Criſſip of Long Newton applied to a neighbouring ſurgeon at Yarm for his aſſiſtance in a caſe of deafneſs, which he had periodically laboured under from about the laſt harveſt-time until Chriſtmas laſt; but ever ſince Chriſtmas his diſorder became ſo much increaſed as to occaſion him a total unremitting deafneſs in one of his ears. The ſurgeon, upon examining the ear, found it filled with wax: which he extracted; and at the bottom of the cavity of the ear he alſo found and extracted a barley-corn in a ſtate of vegetation. Mr Criſſip to his great ſatisfaction hath now regained his former hearing."

"*Norwich. July* 2 We are informed from North Walſham, that on Monday laſt Mr Robertſon, of that town, fellmonger, tied a horſe very near a bee-hive. The horſe feeding too cloſe to it, ſeveral of the bees ſtung him; which ſet the horſe a kicking, and ſpurned down the hive. The bees immediately gathered round the horſe's head, and ſtung him to that degree that he died within half an hour after. The horſe's mouth was found full of dead bees, that he had killed with chewing."

"*London, Sept.* 5. On Tueſday laſt Mr Glover, a farmer at Kingſdown in Hampſhire, having ſeveral ſtocks of bees which had by ſome means been diſturbed, they attacked a ſow and ſeven pigs, which they ſtung to death in about half an hour."

The wife of Mr William Froſt, ſhopkeeper at Rayleigh in Eſſex, was delivered, on the 17th of December, of a female child, with two heads and two necks, both of equal ſize, both faces every way featured, and no part of the body in any manner deformed.

"*Newcaſtle. Nov.* 5. We are credibly informed from Norton, that Samuel Criſp, of Claxton, near that place, has a black ewe, nineteen years of age laſt ſpring, which has brought him two lambs every year; and what is ſtill more extraordinary, eighteen couple of them were black ones; and ſhe is ſtill likely to live and have more. So profitable a creature of the kind, it is thought, cannot be equalled, he having four times loſt his whole flock of ſheep ſince he had this lucky ewe, herſelf only excepted."

"*Edinburgh, June* 6 There is now in flower, in the nurſery of Michael and John

John Callender, Newcaſtle, a plant of the Rheum Palmatum of Linnæus, or true Turky Rhubarb, which is remarkably ſtrong, the flower-ſtem meaſuring above nine feet high, and the whole plant about fifteen feet in circumference. [xxix. 19.]

"*London*, *Oct* 18. There is at this time in the Royal gardens in Hampton court, the fineſt American aloe, in full bloom, that was ever ſeen in England." [xxix. 557.]

On the 22d of December, Miſs Gardiner, only daughter of Frederick Gardiner, Eſq; of Bloſſomhall, in Wiltſhire, being dreadfully frightened by a bull, was ſo ſtrangely affected, that, in the ſpace of four hours, her hair, which was of a fine brown, became as gray as that of a perſon of fourſcore.

Between five and ſix in the evening of Dec. 21. a ſhock of an earthquake was felt at Worceſter, and the parts adjacent. The ſhock was felt alſo at Glouceſter, where many people in a fright left their houſes. One who was in the cathedral ſays, the whole of that edifice was ſhaken. A gentleman paſſing through the fields affirms, the birds were ſenſible of it, and left the hedges in a kind of terror.

"*London*, *Oct.* 18. A correſpondent ſays, that through a teleſcope of three feet in length, about twelve or fourteen ſpots may be ſeen on the ſun's diſk; and two ſpots, conſiſting of numbers of ſmall ones, may be ſeen by the naked eye, aſſiſted only with ſmoked looking-glaſs, the ſilver ſcraped off. They will be viſible but a few days."

"*London*, *Aug.* 6. This morning Mr Banks, Dr Solano, and Mr Green the aſtronomer, ſet out for Deal, to imbark on board the Endeavour, Capt. Cook, for the South ſeas, under the direction of the royal ſociety, to obſerve the tranſit of Venus next ſummer, and to make diſcoveries to the ſouth and weſt of Cape Horn"——The Endeavour ſailed before the middle of September.

"*London*, *Sept.* 10. Wedneſday at a meeting of many aſtronomical gentlemen of different nations, held at a tavern in Fleet ſtreet, Mr Edward Webſter, of St Neot's, attended, and delivered his opinion relative to the moſt proper place for obſerving the expected tranſit of Venus, which is to determine the Sun's parallax, and ſettle the ſolar ſyſtem; when he read a lecture on the globe, and proved the iſle of Guam, one of the Grand Ladrones in the great Eaſtern ocean, long. 140 E. lat. 14. N. to be the moſt eligible ſituation for the purpoſe. The danger of undertaking ſo hazardous a voyage, joined to the conſideration of his advanced age, obliged Mr Webſter to decline taking it himſelf, though he very readily gave his advice on the ſubject."

On the 27th of Auguſt, the ſurveyor of the navy, attended by the proper officers, examined a new-conſtructed pump, the invention of Mr Cole, erected on board the Seaford man of war, at Portſmouth, which appeared to be leſs cumberſome than the chain-pump, and more efficacious.

The experiments were as follows.

The new pump, wrought by four men, threw out a tun of water in 42 ſeconds.—The old pump, wrought by ſeven men, threw out a tun of water in 76 ſeconds.

The new pump, when wrought with two men, threw out a tun of water in 47 ſeconds.—The old pump with two men would not move.

The chain of the new pump, broken by deſign, and dropped into the well, was recovered and repaired in two minutes.—The old pump, in two hours.

The new pump, when choked with ſhingle balaſt, was cleared in four minutes.—The old pump could not be cleared till the water was pumped out of the hold.

"*London*, *Nov.* 29. About eighteen miles from Brecknock in South Wales, on the Taf, a company of opulent gentlemen are erecting iron-works for making iron from pit-coal, (being there very plenty), which, when finiſhed, will be by far the moſt curious and completeſt work in all Europe. This making iron from pit-coal is the firſt public attempt, and held by patent to the inventors of ſuch a ſingular and beneficial proceſs, which has hitherto engaged the attention of the moſt learned chymiſts of the age."

"*Extract of a letter from Woolwich*, *Sept.* 1768. Beſides the Queen and Prudent men of war, the latter of which will be launched here on Wedneſday next, there is now building a ſixty-four gun ſhip, called the *Intrepid*, the timber of which, by order of the Lords of the Admiralty, has been previouſly prepared under the inſpection of Mr ——, a celebrated chymiſt in London, whoſe indefatigable induſtry has diſcovered a very cheap method of preſerving timber in general from ſpeedy decay and rottenneſs. This gentleman, it is ſaid, is veſted with ſuch power in his art, as to reduce oak wood to the ſoftneſs of fir, and reſtore

reſtore it again to a degree of hardneſs and toughneſs much ſuperior to any oak in its natural ſtate; that American oak can be prepared to laſt at leaſt as long as Engliſh oak unprepared; that oak and elm plank acquire ſuch an extraordinary pliancy, by varying the proceſs, as to bend like a twig, without cracking; and again that elm water pipes can be converted to ſuch a hard and tough condition, as in all probability will remain ſound for a century under ground; that theſe properties are not communicated by extracting the native juices of wood, but by altering their ſtate, and introducing, by art, into the pores, where nature ſeems to have been defective, ſimilar preſervative principles; that wooden utenſils, particularly ſuch as decay ſpeedily in bad cellars, can be preſerved many years perfectly ſound; in ſhort, that the invention is applicable to all ſorts of wood liable to decay in open air, as wheel carriages of artillery, coaches, carts, &c. Thus much is certain, that the elm keel of the Intrepid, after being prepared ſixteen months, has acquired a firmneſs almoſt equal to oak; that the workmen in general complain of the hardneſs and toughneſs of the timber in hewing; that it deſtroys the edges of their tools; that the chips burn with great difficulty; which are ſufficient proofs that the wood has received a conſiderable alteration; and which is farther confirmed by experiments made upon ſeveral pieces of oak, elm, aſh, and beech, ſome of which have acquired an additional weight of two pounds in ſix; which ſpecimens may be examined here, by thoſe who are too prone to adopt incredulity on ſuch occaſions."

"*London, July* 6. As a proof that the uſe of the loom is not arrived to its *ne plus ultra*, an ingenious mechanic has lately produced two ſhirts wove from end to end, the one plain, the other ruffled. But what is peculiarly ſurpriſing in this production, is, that the moſt minute works of the ſempſtreſs are really copied, as the collar, wriſts, guſſets, without a ſingle ſtitch of the needle throughout the whole, but fairly wove, body, ſleeves, &c. in the loom, from the web, without the leaſt loſs in cutting the cloth. An introduction of this loom will be of infinite ſervice, and a great ſaving in materials for the army and navy.

IRELAND.

"*Dublin, Sept.* 10. Since the arrival of the Duke of Bedford, he hath been treated with the higheſt honour and reſpect. When it was known on Sunday morning that his Grace was landed, the bells of different churches were ſet a-ringing for joy. On Monday he was viſited at the Univerſity by the Nobility, Gentry, &c. to congratulate him on his arrival in this kingdom; and dined that day with the Provoſt, where there was a moſt elegant dinner for his Grace, the Rt Hon. Richard Rigby, and the company. On Wedneſday his Grace was viſited in ſtate by his Excellency Lord Townſhend, and dined with the Earl of Laneſborough. On Thurſday his Grace was preſented to the Lord Lieutenant at the Caſtle, where there was a moſt crouded levee, who all paid their compliments of congratulation to the Duke of Bedford on his coming to this kingdom. At the ſame time the Rt Hon. the Lord Mayor, Sheriff, &c. of this city, were preſented to his Grace. And yeſterday his Grace was inſtalled Chancellor of our Univerſity, in the grandeſt manner, in the College Old Hall; at which were preſent his Excellency the Lord Lieutenant, Lady Viſcounteſs Townſhend, and their two eldeſt ſons, the Lord Primate, the Lord Chancellor, the Duke and Ducheſs of Leinſter, Lady Louiſa Conolly, many other ladies of diſtinction, and ſeveral Lords Spiritual and Temporal. When the inſtallment began, the Provoſt addreſſed his Grace in a very elegant Latin oration; to which his Grace returned a moſt polite anſwer. All the Fellows, Students, &c. appeared in their proper habits. On this occaſion ſome degrees were granted to different gentlemen. After this the Duke went to other parts of the college, where he was complimented by the different profeſſors of languages and ſciences in elegant ſpeeches, and returned polite anſwers. The muſic for this occaſion was compoſed by the Earl of Mornington, and performed by a maſterly band, both vocal and inſtrumental. In the evening the company adjourned to the new hall, where a moſt magnificent entertainment was provided."

The LONDON General Bill of Chriſtenings and Burials, from December 15. 1767, to December 13. 1768; with the diſeaſes and caſualties, &c.

Chriſtened			Buried			Increaſed in the burials this year 1027.
	Males	8321		Males	12134	
	Females	7721	16042	Females	11505	23639

Between	Age.	No.	Age.	No.	Age.	No.	Age.	No.	Age.	No.
Died under	2	8229	20 and 30	1910	60 and 70	1515	100	1	107	0
2 and	5	2441	30 and 40	2158	70 and 80	1097	101	2	108	0
5 and	10	963	40 and 50	2192	80 and 90	471	102	1	109	0
10 and	20	874	50 and 60	1714	90 and 100	71	106	0	110	0

Diſeaſes.		Fever, Malignant		Miſcarriage	4	*Caſualties.*	
Abort. and Stillb.	700	Fever, Scarlet Fe-		Mortification	182		
Aged	1443	ver, Spotted Fe		Palſy	60	Broken Limbs	2
Ague	5	ver, and Purples	3596	Pleuriſy	14	Bruiſed	3
Apoplexy and Sud.	170	Fiſtula	8	Quinſy	16	Burnt	10
Aſthma and Phthiſ.	363	Flux	22	Rash	2	Drowned	128
Bedridden	8	French Pox	64	Rheumatiſm	6	Exceſſive Drinking	3
Bleeding	3	Gout	62	Rickets	9	Executed	12
Bloody Flux	5	Gravel, Strangury,		Scald Head	2	Found Dead	12
Purſten and Rupture	17	and Stone	23	Scurvy	2	Fractured	1
Cancer	47	Grief	8	Small Pox	3028	Killed by Falls, and	
Canker	4	Headach	1	Sores and Ulcers	22	ſeveral other Acci-	
Chicken pox	1	Headmouldſh. Hor-		Sore Throat	10	dents	64
Childbed	207	ſhochead, and Wa-		St Anthony's Fire	2	Killed themſelves	31
Colic, Gripes, Twiſt-		ter in the Head	20	Stoppage in Stom.	10	Murdered	4
ing of the Guts	70	Jaundice	126	Surfeit	1	Overlaid	11
Conſumption	4379	Impoſthume	4	Swelling	3	Poiſoned	0
Convulſions	6038	Inflammation	66	Teeth	779	Scalded	2
Cough, and Hoop-		Leproſy	1	Thruſh	90	Shot	8
ing-Cough	262	Lethargy	3	Tympany	2	Smothered	0
Dropſy	859	Lunatic	69	Vomit. and Looſe.	6	Starved	5
Evil	5	Meaſles	409	Worms	1	Suffocated	7

General Bill of Mortality for 1768, in EDINBURGH, and WEST-KIRK pariſh.

	Buried in the city.			*In the Weſt-kirk-yard.*			
	Males.	Femal.	In all.	Males.	Femal.	In all.	Total.
January	43	37	80	21	16	37	117
February	29	33	62	19	22	41	103
March	28	31	59	16	16	32	91
April	33	40	73	10	18	28	101
May	28	31	59	8	12	20	79
June	23	23	46	11	17	28	74
July	21	27	48	12	11	23	71
August	15	14	29	7	7	14	43
September	13	18	31	8	13	21	52
October	16	21	37	8	13	21	58
November	27	16	43	10	13	23	66
December	19	24	43	16	11	27	70
Total	295	315	610	146	169	315	925

Between	Age.	No.
	Under 2 years	132
	2 & 5	98
	5 & 10	76
	10 & 20	91
	20 & 30	94
	30 & 40	88
	40 & 50	81
	50 & 60	101
	60 & 70	71
	70 & 80	54
	80 & 90	39
Decr.	140	925

Diſeaſes, &c.										
Aged	221	Colic	1	Flux	8	Pains	1	Teething	102	
Apoplexy	2	Conſumpt.	175	Gout	1	Palſy	13	Water in the		
Aſthma	35	Convulſions	1	Gravel	1	Small pox	110	head	2	
Bowelhive	28	Cramp	1	Iliac paſſion	3	Sore arm	1	*Accidents*	4	
Cancer	1	Croup	1	Jaundice	1	Stillborn	23			925
Childbed	7	Dropſy	9	Meaſles	12	Suddenly	2			
Chincough	40	Fever	123	Mortification	3	Swelling	3			

PARIS. Baptiſms in 1768, 17,579; Burials 20,808; Foundlings received into the hoſpitals 6225.

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